DR. S. JOHN (*Ag. Surgeon General*): (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know how all these patients are accommodated in the General Hospital when the number of beds is less than the number of patients?

PRESIDENT: They are lying on the floor.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the Surgeon General has made any recommendation to Government for increasing the number of beds?

DR. S. JOHN: Government have opened another hospital at Perurkada with beds to accommodate nearly 200 patients.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the number of patients in the General Hospital is increasing or decreasing year after year?

DR. S. JOHN: The increase or decrease depends upon the public health of the people of the country.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether it is on the increase or decrease for the last two or three years?

DR. S. JOHN: It is more or less in the same state.

Dispensary at Noornad.

13. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any representation to open a dispensary at Noornad; and

(*b*) the action taken on the same till this (7-11-1118)?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) and (*b*) The member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 208 reported at page 432 of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly (Volume XX) dated 24-7-1942/28-12-1117.

Midwife for Ankamali.

14. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a midwife of the Public Health Department is on duty at Ankamali; and

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Health is aware that there is an institution in Ankamali itself receiving grant from Government and that a midwife is employed in that institution?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: അങ്കമാലിയിൽ മെഡിക്കൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ഗ്രാൻറ് വാങ്ങിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സ്ഥാപനം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കെ പബ്ലിക്കഹെൽത്ത് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും ഒരു മിഡ്വൈഫിനെ ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത് എന്തിനാണ്?

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RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The duties of a midwife of the Public Health Department are different from those of the midwives attached to the hospitals. The midwife attached to the Public Health Department has to look after the pre and post natal conditions of the women whereas the midwives attached to ordinary hospitals attend only to delivery cases. Further the midwife of a hospital or dispensary has to be paid for their visits. The Public Health midwife has to attend to all cases free of fees.

Conservancy Unit at Kadakavoor.

15. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to establish a conservancy unit at Kadakavoor?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: No.

Mortality in the State.

16. ***MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR** (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons who died from 1-1-1118 up to 15-11-1118 in the taluks of Mavelikara, Kunnattur, Quilon, Kottarakara, Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli from cholera, small-pox and typhoid; and

(*b*) the number of persons who died from these diseases in the towns of Kayamkulam, Mavelikara, Adur and Quilon?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: May I know whether inoculation is given in those taluks?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

Chirayinkil taluk and the Food Control Advisory Committee.

17. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the coastal villages in Chirayinkil taluk are keenly affected by food scarcity; and

(*b*) whether there is any non-official member in the Food Control Advisory Committee to represent Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (*a*) There is food scarcity all over the State.

(*b*) Yes.

Milling of paddy.

18. ***MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government have given permission to any body to mill the paddy for their use;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of mills allowed to be worked and the names of the persons to whom the permission is granted; and

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